

Matthew H. Mead, District of Wyoming,

Michael Mosman, District of Oregon,
John Suthers, District of Colorado.

II. Resolutions:

S.J. Res. 18—A joint resolution memorializing fallen firefighters by lowering the United States flag to half-staff on the day of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

S. Con. Res. 74—A concurrent resolution condemning bigotry and violence against Sikh-Americans in the wake of terrorist attacks in New York City and Washington, D.C. on September 11, 2001.

S. Res. 164—A resolution designating October 19, 2001, as “National Mammothography Day.”

S. Res. 166—“National Childhood Lead Poisoning Week.”

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

COMMITTEE ON THE JUDICIARY

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Committee on the Judiciary be authorized to meet to conduct a nominations hearing on Thursday, October 4, 2001, at 2:00 p.m. in Dirksen Room 226.

TENTATIVE WITNESS LIST

Panel I: Senator Don Nickles (R-OK), Senator James M. Inhofe (R-OK), and Senator Mary Landrieu (D-LA).

Panel II: Edith Brown Clement to be United States Circuit Judge for the Fifth Circuit.

Panel III: Karen K. Caldwell to be United States District Judge for the Eastern District of Kentucky; Laurie Smith Camp to be United States District Judge for the District of Nebraska; Claire V. Eagan to be United States District Judge of the Northern District of Oklahoma; and James H. Payne to be United States District Judge for the Northern, Eastern and Western Districts of Kentucky.

Panel IV: Jay S. Bybee to be Assistant Attorney General for the Office of Legal Counsel.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

SUBCOMMITTEE ON HOUSING AND TRANSPORTATION

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Subcommittee on Housing and Transportation of the Committee on Banking, Housing, and Urban Affairs be authorized to meet during the session of the Senate on Thursday, October 4, 2001, to conduct an oversight hearing on “Transit Safety in the Wake of September 11.”

THE PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

AUTHORITY FOR INTRODUCTION OF COUNTERTERRORISM BILL

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that notwithstanding the adjournment of the Senate today it be in order for a bipartisan counterterrorism bill to be introduced today by Senators DASCHLE and LOTT

and others and that it be considered as having had its first reading, with an objection to the second reading.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

CONGRATULATING AND HONORING BALTIMORE ORIOLE CAL RIPKEN, JR.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Judiciary Committee be discharged from further consideration of S. Res. 168, submitted earlier today by Senators SARBANES and MIKULSKI, and that the Senate proceed to its immediate consideration.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered. The clerk will report the resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A resolution (S. Res. 168) congratulating and honoring Cal Ripken, Jr., for his amazing and storybook career as a player for the Baltimore Orioles and thanking him for his contributions to baseball, the State of Maryland, and the United States.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the resolution.

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. President, I submitted S. Res. 168 with my colleague, Senator MIKULSKI, honoring Cal Ripken, Jr.

On Saturday October 6, 2001, at Oriole Park at Camden Yards, not far from my home in Baltimore, Cal Ripken, Jr. will play in his final baseball game. Cal Ripken's career will have spanned 21 seasons in the major leagues, every one of them with the Baltimore Orioles. In fact, beginning with Cal's father, Cal Ripken, Sr., there has been a Ripken in the Orioles organization for 45 consecutive years. Over the past 21 years, Cal Ripken, Jr. has built what will be a lasting legacy not only as one of the greatest players in the history of professional baseball, but as a true ambassador of the game and a shining example of sportsmanship, character, and the American work ethic.

An entire generation was born and grew up watching Cal Ripken play baseball every day the right way. Many of my constituents in Maryland have rooted for the Orioles knowing beyond a shadow of a doubt that Cal Ripken would be playing, first at Memorial Stadium and then later at Camden Yards, and that they would be able to see Cal give that one game everything that he had. Not only will the city of Baltimore miss Cal's number 8 on the left-side of the infield and in the heart of the line-up, but all residents of Maryland, and millions of Americans, from die-hard baseball fans, to those who have only seen one game, will always associate the Baltimore Orioles with their legendary shortstop, Cal Ripken.

Cal Ripken's achievements on the field of play are legendary: Ripken is one of only seven players in history to record both 400 home runs and 3,000 hits and along with fellow Oriole, longtime teammate, and good friend, Eddie Murray, they are the only infielders to

accomplish this feat. Simply put, Cal redefined the position of shortstop in every respect: offense, defense, durability, consistency, and popularity.

Listing all of Cal's baseball accomplishments could go on forever, but there is one record for which he is best known, and that in Maryland is simply referred to as “The Streak.” For 17 straight years, Ripken played in every single game on the Baltimore Orioles' schedule, never succumbing to injury or weakness, always willing to do his best to help the Orioles over an amazing 2,632 consecutive games. It is this consistency and work ethic that has so endeared him to the American public, and was so stirringly celebrated on the evening of September 6, 1995, the day that he played his 2,131st consecutive game, surpassing the record set by the “Iron Horse,” Hall-of-Famer Lou Gehrig. I will repeat what I said on this very floor on September 7, 1995: throughout both “The Streak” and the rest of Cal's storybook career, Cal played baseball for one reason and one reason only: because he loves the game. And, Cal, the game loves you.

When Cal was approaching Mr. Gehrig's record in 1995, it was a turbulent time in the history of Major League Baseball; the sport was trying to recover from the damage done by a players' strike in the 1994 season that canceled the World Series for the first time in history. There was a breach of trust between the sport and its fans, but there is no doubt in anyone's mind that Cal Ripken's journey toward this great record was a focus point in the healing process that ultimately restored much of the good will lost for America's pastime.

Ripken, over the course of 21 consecutive seasons, spent hours before and after games signing autographs for countless fans. There were jokes in the Baltimore clubhouse that if anything were to end “The Streak,” it would be an injury to his right hand from signing too many autographs. But it is this willingness to go the extra mile, to not treat his fame and influence as a burden but to welcome his responsibility to the public, particularly to children, as a role model that distinguishes Cal Ripken from even the greatest athletes and enables him to transcend his sport.

Unlike so many of our modern athletes, Cal Ripken embraced his status as a role model. With his wife Kelly by his side, the Ripleys engaged in charity work ranging from literacy programs to fighting Lou Gehrig's disease, as well as working tirelessly to promote the game of baseball to all children, especially those that are disadvantaged. Fittingly, one of the many tasks that Cal will devote himself to in his retirement is the Cal Ripken Little League Division of Babe Ruth Baseball, which has over 700,000 children learning the fundamentals of baseball. Another project that Cal will be working on is that of building Inspiration Field in his home community of Harford County, Maryland. Cal has always been devoted

to his Maryland roots, but beyond that is his devotion to his family, his mother Vi, his late father Cal Ripken, Sr., his wife Kelly, and his children Ryan and Rachel. Cal has shown this devotion countless times, and I know that in his retirement, Cal, will have more time to enjoy the loving family that we are all proud to know simply as the Ripkens.

But here, as with the statistics and records, listing Cal's charitable programs and donations and noting his loving role as son, husband, and father, can not fully capture the phenomenal manner in which Cal Ripken has lived his life and given back to his community. Cal was born in Havre de Grace, MD, and was raised in the neighboring City of Aberdeen. He was drafted by the Baltimore Orioles organization in 1978, and spent every year of his professional career, except one, playing baseball in the State of Maryland. Cal Ripken's career has been the fulfillment of the childhood dream of so many of us, to become an athletic superstar and play your entire career for your hometown team. And beyond that, Cal Ripken has lived this dream with the dignity, honor, humility, charity, passion, and pure love of baseball that make myself, the City of Aberdeen, the City of Baltimore, the State of Maryland, and the United States of America proud to call Cal a legend and a role model for us all. I urge my colleagues to join us in honoring and congratulating Cal Ripken's amazing and storied career by saying thank you Cal.

Ms. MIKULSKI. Mr. President, I rise today to celebrate the life and career of Cal Ripken. He has given us 21 glorious years—and I know that we have seen nothing yet. The resolution that I am introducing with Senator SARBANES seeks to commemorate one of the great careers in baseball—and one of the great role models of our time.

Most Marylanders will confess to some sadness about what will happen this weekend. We will see the Iron Man take the field for the last time at Camden Yards. But I promise my colleagues—this is not the last you will hear of Cal Ripken. He will go on to other careers and other challenges. He will continue his extraordinary service to his community. He will continue to be someone we can all look up to and respect.

We all know the amazing statistics he compiled in his career. In 1982, he won Rookie of the Year—and after that, the records kept breaking. He set a record for most home runs by a shortstop. He received the most Silver Slugger Awards of any shortstop and set eleven different fielding records. He was MVP twice during the regular season twice, and twice during the All-Star Games. He also amassed over three thousand hits and four hundred home runs.

He is best known for setting the record for most consecutive games played. It is unlikely that his record of 2,632 games will ever be broken.

Cal did not do this just for the sake of breaking a record; he broke that record because that is how he lives. He gives 100 percent every day. Ask any of the hundreds of Baltimore Orioles who played with him over the last twenty-one years.

Ask Cal's coaches who have seen him rededicate himself every day. Ask any of the thousands and thousands and even millions of Orioles fans for whom he stayed at the ballpark late at night, willing to sign autographs. Ask the community and charitable organizations who he volunteered for. Ask the thousands of children who he helps through his foundations.

Athletes of Cal's caliber often move from town to town and team to team. Yet Cal spent his entire career here in Baltimore. He did it for his family—his father Cal, Sr.—the great former manager of the Orioles. He did it for his children—to enable them to grow up as he did—in a community that values faith, family, community and patriotism.

Cal always puts these values into action. He has a passion for teaching baseball to children and for his charitable organizations. He created "Reading, Runs and Ripken" program, the Cal Ripken Little League Division, the Kelly and Cal Ripken, Jr., Foundation, and the Cal Ripken, Jr./Lou Gehrig ALS Research Fund. These service organizations will continue—serving children into the future.

Cal Ripken is the Iron Man, not because of his streak but because of his values, the Oriole way—showing up every day, working hard, playing by the rules, putting the team first. Cal will have lots of adulation over the next few days—and he absolutely deserves it. But Cal would want us to honor him not only with resolutions and parades and cheers from the grandstand. He would want us to practice the Oriole way: show up, work hard, play by the rules—and put your family and team first.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that I be added as a cosponsor to the resolution.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the resolution and preamble be agreed to en bloc; that the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table; and that any statements relating to the resolution be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The resolution (S. Res. 168) was agreed to.

The preamble was agreed to.

(The text of S. Res. 168 is printed in today's RECORD under "Statements on Submitted Resolutions.")

MEMORIALIZING FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed

to the immediate consideration of Calendar No. 181, S.J. Res. 18.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the joint resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A joint resolution (S.J. Res. 18) memorializing fallen firefighters by lowering the United States flag to half-staff on the day of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the joint resolution.

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the joint resolution be read the third time and passed, the motion to reconsider be laid upon the table, and any statement relating to the joint resolution be printed in the RECORD.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. Without objection, it is so ordered.

The joint resolution (S.J. Res. 18) was read the third time and passed, as follows:

S.J. RES. 18

Whereas 1,200,000 men and women comprise the fire service in the United States;

Whereas the fire service is considered one of the most dangerous jobs in the United States;

Whereas fire service personnel selflessly respond to over 16,000,000 emergency calls annually, without reservation and with an unwavering commitment to the safety of their fellow citizens;

Whereas fire service personnel are the first to respond to an emergency, whether it involves a fire, medical emergency, spill of hazardous materials, natural disaster, act of terrorism, or transportation accident; and

Whereas approximately 100 fire service personnel die annually in the line of duty: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, That each year, the United States flags on all Federal facilities will be lowered to half-staff on the day of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

MEMORIALIZING FALLEN FIREFIGHTERS

Mr. REID. Mr. President, I ask unanimous consent that the Senate proceed to the immediate consideration of H.J. Res. 42, which is at the desk.

The PRESIDING OFFICER. The clerk will report the joint resolution by title.

The legislative clerk read as follows:

A joint resolution (H.J. Res. 42) memorializing fallen firefighters by lowering the American flag to half-staff in honor of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service in Emmitsburg, Maryland.

There being no objection, the Senate proceeded to consider the joint resolution.

Mr. SARBANES. Mr. President, I rise in strong support of House Joint Resolution 42, a bill to memorialize our Nation's fallen firefighters by lowering the American flag to half-staff in honor of the National Fallen Firefighters Memorial Service in Emmitsburg, MD. This measure is similar to legislation